Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: I second it.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put to vote and carried. The Bill was taken into consideration.

The question that clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2 were added to the Bill.

The question that the Preamble and the Title stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Preamble and the Title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Reformatory Schools Act (Amendment) Bill be passed.

The motion was accepted by the House and the Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE CENSUS BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Census Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration.

Sir, it corresponds to the last Census Act which was in force when the last Census was taken. A new census is proposed to be taken in 1941. Certain preliminary steps have been taken and a Commissioner has been appointed. It is necessary that he should be armed with the requisite powers for proceeding vigorously with the work. The only difference between this Bill and the previous Act is in respect of the penalty that is provided for in this. Whereas an offence committed under the provisions of the previous Act was liable to be punished with a fine of Rs. 50, a penalty of Rs. 200 is proposed under the present Act and slight verbal alterations have been made here and there for bringing out the purpose and intention of the law clearly. I move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, will this Act be useful for future Census also?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, the question whether we cannot have a permanent Statute for all Census to come has been raised. It has been found that Census is only a temporary matter. Census was being taken every ten years. There is no statutory obligation that a Census shall be taken every ten years. It may be taken in fifteen years or even much earlier than that.

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Then again, each Census appears to be more comprehensive than the previous one and every time that we undertake this work some new feature not so obvious before has to be dealt with. It has been found, for example, now that we require a greater penalty because people do not seem to take seriously the queries of the Census investigators and supply false information to the Census officers. Throughout British India the penalty has been increased. Honourable members might know that in Mysore the penalty is Rs. 500 although in British India it is only Rs. 200. I think that it will be more convenient to pass a Census Act before each Census. There is no permanent Census Act in any State so far as I know. In England this is being done by an Order-in-Council.

President: The tendency is to have a permanent organisation for statistics. That has been done in some countries.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Yes, Sir, but this is slightly different.

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: I second it.

The motion that the Bill be taken into consideration was put to vote and carried. The Bill was taken into consideration.

The motion that Clauses 1 to 14 stand part of the Bill was put and carried. The clauses were added to the Bill.

The motion that the Preamble and the Title stand part of the Bill was next put and carried.

The Preamble and the Title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Census Bill be passed.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

President: There are two matters which I wish to bring to the notice of the honourable House. The first is, does the honourable member who has given notice of the adjournment motion wish to take it up now instead of waiting till 3·30? The next point is with regard to the non-official day. It is for the House to decide whether it will have the non-official business to-morrow or the day after.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: I think it will be better to have it to-morrow.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Yes, Sir, I too agree.

President: The non-official business will be taken up to-morrow.

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